

WHEAT HARVEST SEASON, 1928-29.OFFICIAL DECEMBER FORECAST.

Following the method which has been in operation for a number of years and which has proved itself generally reliable, particulars of the prospective Harvest based on conditions as at December 1st or thereabouts were obtained and from them the following results have been compiled:-

DIVISION	Estimates		Averages per Acre		
	December	October	Dec.	Oct.	Mean prev. 5 years
	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.	Bush.
Central	6,700,000	7,365,000	$12\frac{1}{2}$	$13\frac{3}{4}$	$14\frac{1}{4}$
Lower North	9,300,000	12,000,000	$12\frac{1}{4}$	15	$15\frac{3}{4}$
Upper North	1,900,000	2,250,000	$7\frac{1}{4}$	$8\frac{1}{4}$	$10\frac{1}{2}$
South Eastern	970,000	890,000	$22\frac{1}{2}$	20	$16\frac{1}{2}$
Western	3,600,000	4,290,000	$4\frac{1}{4}$	5	$8\frac{1}{4}$
Murray Mallee	5,600,000	5,530,000	$6\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{1}{4}$	$7\frac{3}{4}$
Total State	28,070,000	32,325,000	$8\frac{1}{2}$	$9\frac{1}{2}$	$11\frac{3}{4}$

Out of the 14,000 growers, 1,846 reported or 13% representing 698,842 acres or nearly 20% of the total area sown for grain and hay. These reports were representative of the group of growers in each District. Also 500 General Police Reports were received.

County Fergusson reports general rust, loss 700,000 bushels. Such good counties as Stanley, Victoria and Daly fell back heavily on the October expectations.

BARLEY - A good year. Estimated 3,900,000 (3,000,000) bushels. OATS - 1,900,000 (1,378,437) bushels.

HAY - Wheaten 310,000 tons. Oaten 170,000 tons. Total 480,000 (451,511) tons.

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